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For: DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS,  
INTERMITTENT COMMUNICATION  
METHOD THEREFOR, PROGRAM  
DESCRIBING THE METHOD AND  
RECORDING MEDIUM FOR RECORDING  
THE PROGRAM

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.